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USS Lake Erie Sailors handle the lines (above) as the ship prepares to get underway last Saturday. A USS Chosin Sailor (right) blows a kiss to his loved ones before departure. Both ships deployed as part of the USS Constellation (CV 64) Battle Group.



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SK1(SW) Danilo Orias of USS Chosin shares a final hug with his wife before boarding the ship. Chosin and USS Lake Erie left for a six month deployment last Saturday.



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Lake Erie.  
"We live apart so the separation won't be hard, but the weird thing is what you get used to being without. His voice means so much to me now and I won't even have that," said Willis.  
"I'll miss that."  
The ships of the Constellation battle group will carry out the

Navy's strategy of forward presence and interdiction form the sea, which focuses on the littoral regions of the globe, those areas on or near a coastline.  
The carrier battle group and amphibious ready group can travel more than 500 miles a day, while simultaneously deploying to separate geographic regions.



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USS Santa Fe (SSN 763)(above) prepares to get underway for WESTPAC last Friday.

Having said their good-byes, a group of children (left) watch as USS Chosin (CG 65) pulls away from pier B-16 last Saturday.